

REMARKS

Applicants herein have amended the pending claims to differentiate the claimed subject matter from that claimed in U.S. patent 6,678,556 and to address the informalities noted in the Office action with regard to claims 16 and 17. Applicants request that the objection to the "Related Applications" section of the specification be held in abeyance until such time a notice of allowable subject matter issues, at which time Applicants will amend the specification, as necessary.

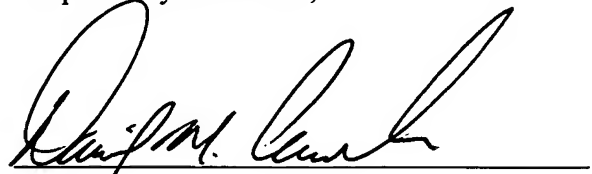
Reconsideration of the invention as now claimed is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and they earnestly solicit an early notice to such affect. Should any issues or questions exist, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 858.350.9690 so that they may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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